

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: XV, PFOR, ANTARCTICA, AR

SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY - ARGENTINE ATTITUDES

1. TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS ALONG WITH REPS FROM EMBASSIES OF OTHER  
TREATY PARTIES WERE AMONG THOSE ATTENDING MEETING ORGANIZED BY  
CLUB OF RETIRED ARGENTINE DIPLOMATS AT WHICH ARGENTINE NATIONAL  
ANTARCTIC DIRECTOR ADM. FRAGA WAS ONE SPEAKER ON THE HISTORY OF  
THE ANTARCTIC.

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2. AFTER TRYING TO STRIP AWAY THE "SUBJECTIVE" ASPECTS,  
SPEAKERS STILL BELIEVED ARGENTINA HAD VALID TERRITORIAL CLAIM,  
LARGELY BECAUSE OF ITS EXTENSIVE OCCUPATION OF STATIONS THERE  
WELL BEFORE THE ANTARCTIC TREATY.

3. FRAGA DISCUSSED PRESENT ISSUE OF RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT,

PARTICULARLY THE KRILL SITUATION. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CERTAINTY THAT ABUNDANT MINERAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY COAL, EXIST IN ANTARCTIC PENINSULA AREA. HE SAID OTHERS WITH SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT (READ U.S. AND GLOMAR CHALLENGER) KNOW WHETHER THERE IS PETROLEUM.

4. FRAGA CHARACTERIZED ARGENTINE POSITION AS STOUTLY DEFENDING PRESERVATION OF ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT IN HARMONY WITH TREATY. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE GOA FELT STRONGLY THAT BEFORE A RESOURCES REGIME WAS ESTABLISHED, THERE MUST BE A RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF ARGENTINA, WITH RESPECT TO ITS CLAIM.

5. THERE WAS NO RPT NO QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.  
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